Wabash College. Ind. June 4th/62

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I should have written last night but I thought I would get a letter to night, and I could answer two while answering one.

You ask where I will go? I will go wherever I am needed and wherever I am commanded whether to guard prisoners, supplies, or bridges; or to fight. But I do not believe the three months troops will be placed in the advance in preference to well disciplined troops. The College company has fallen through, but my desire to avenge the blood of Putnam Co boys has not fallen with it. There has been almost a company recruited in town, but as I do not know any one who is in the company personally, I do not wish to go with them.

Of course then my only chance of going is to go home and enlist which I would like better, provided I go in an unconditional manner. Whatever way I go I want to go with Jake McIlvain or some one who I know has good moral principles & in whom I can confide. In short, I will say, for I might as well now as any time, I dont care about going as a private, but I will go as a private before I dont go at all and I can get your consent.

I can say now I feel more & more determined to serve my Savior. Room mate and I took upon ourselves the vows of the church last Sabbath. We had a good prayer meeting this evening. I have not spoken to Prof Hadley about going, but of course he will oppose as he would for any of the boys going. I thank Pa for those little books they were just the thing

Yours with much love

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Ransom.

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